

Amendment to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1, and replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1. In particular, numeral "20" has been deleted.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, a restriction requirement was placed on the pending claims in the Office Action. Specifically, restriction was required between claims 1-35 (Group I) and 36-46 (Group II). Applicants provisionally elected to prosecute the invention of Group I and hereby affirm this election.

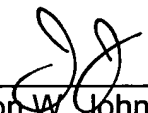
In the Office Action, the drawings and specification were objected to by the Examiner for various minor informalities. The drawings and specification have thus been corrected as suggested by the Examiner. The Office Action also indicated that claims 2-8, 11, 14-20, 22-35 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under §112 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Without commenting on the propriety of the §112 rejections, Applicants simply note that the pending claims are believed to fully satisfy all of the requirements of §112. In addition, the limitations of original dependent claim 2 have been incorporated into independent claim 1 and dependent claim 4 has been rewritten as new independent claim 47.

Thus, it is believed that the present application is in complete condition for allowance and favorable action, is therefore requested. Examiner Kinney is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned, however, should any issues remain after consideration of this amendment.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 04-1403.

Respectfully requested,

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